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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR CONGRESSMAN WHALEN ABOUT CIMS VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 81290, (B) MOSCOW 5654

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TO CONGRESSMAN
WHALEN DURING WORKING DAY.

HONORABLE CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

DEAR MR. WHALEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEX OF APRIL 5 INFORMING ME THAT TWO
OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS WILL BE IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK AND
THAT MR. MCSWINEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE MEAD
CORPORATION, WISHES TO MEET WITH ME. ASSUMING THAT I AM
IN MOSCOW AT THE TIME I SHALL, OF COURSE, BE GLAD TO MEET
WITH HIM AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME, AND I AM SURE HE
WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH ME AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.

2. YOU SAID THAT THE PAIR HAD ENCOUNTERED "SOME MINOR
DIFFICULTIES" IN DEALING WITH THE EMBASSY. I MUST SAY
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THAT I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT THEY COULD BE. OFFICERS OF
MY STAFF AGREED SOME TIME AGO TO THE GROUP'S REQUEST FOR
A BRIEFING FOR THE WHOLE GROUP ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WHICH
THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED WAS THE ONLY CONVENIENT TIME IN
THE GROUP'S SCHEDULE. ALSO, ONE OF MY OFFICERS MET WITH
THE STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ONE OF THE
SOVIET HOST ORGANIZATIONS, TO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATIVE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SEMINAR, AND WE THEN TELEXED THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT STUDIES IN NEW YORK, THE U.S. SPONSOR, ABOUT SEVERAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN CONDUCTING THE SEMINAR THE WAY CIMS WANTED TO AND ALSO ABOUT A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO WHICH THE SOVIET SIDE WAS STILL SEEKING ANSWERS. THE EMBASSY ALSO WAS WILLING TO ACCOMPANY THE GROUP IN ITS MEETINGS, AN OFFER WHICH WAS REJECTED. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES TO THE CIMS GROUP AND TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS. SINCERELY YOURS, MALCOLM TOON, AMBASSADOR.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, ABOVE IS RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING TELEX FROM THE CONGRESSMAN:

TWO OF MY CONSTITUENTS JAMES MCSWINEY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE MEAD CORPORATION AND GERALD RAPP ONE OF HIS TOP EXECUTIVES WILL BE IN SOVIET UNION NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND A SEMINAR SPONSORED BY SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN MOSCOW AND NOVOSIBIRSK. I UNDERSTAND THAT MCSWINEY HAS REQUESTED PERSONAL MEETING WITH YOU AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU ACCOMMODATE HIM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PAIR HAS ENCOUNTERED SOME MINOR DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH THE EMBASSY. I ASK THAT YOU INSURE THAT THIS NOT BE THE CASE AND THAT EVERY COURTESY BE EXTENDED THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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GENTLEMEN DURING THEIR STAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST ASSISTANCE.

3. FOR H. SHOULD MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS VISIT BE NEEDED, YOU MAY WISH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EUR/SOV AND/OR USICA.ECA. STATE 81290, MOSCOW 5654 AND PREVIOUS PERTAIN. TOON

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